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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Assembly Question No. 465- By Sri. P. Kakkan M.L.A.- regarding Special instructions ... to District Police Officers in connection with Removal of Civil Disabilities Act- Papers- recorded.

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ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE "REMOVAL OF CIVIL DISABILITIES ACT" IN VILLAGE PARTS.

*177 Q.— Sri K.KANNIYAPPAN (on behalf of Sri P.Kakkan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state whether any further special instructions have been given to the District Police Officers to give special attention to achieve the object of the "Removal of Civil Disabilities Act" in village parts?

The Hon. Sri B.PARAMESWARAN:- "No."

Sri S.NAGAPPA:- "As a breach of the provisions of the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act is a cognizable offence, may I know whether this Act was not published in the police Gazette and whether that will not be a sort of instruction to the police officials to take necessary action whenever there is a breach of this Act?"

The Hon. Sri B.PARAMESWARAN:- "The fact that it is a cognizable offence is quite sufficient for the police to take action."

Sri S. NAGAPPA:- "Is not the fact that no case has been booked under this Act proof enough that the police Department is lukewarm in the working of this Act?"

The Hon. Sri B.PARAMESWARAN:- "Some cases have been booked. The Member is entirely mistaken when he says that no case has been booked."

Sri S. NAGAPPA:- "In view of the fact that in spite of instructions to the Police Department, untouchability is prevalent even worse than what it was before, what steps will the Government be pleased to take in order to eradicate untouchability at the earliest moment possible."

The Hon. Sri B.PARAMESWARAN:- " The Hon. Member must also take necessary steps, apart from his putting questions in the Assembly. I do not agree with the Hon. Member when he says that untouchability is so rampant as it was in the past. There is a change and I am sure though the change is not admirable it is appreciable."

Sri V.I.MUNISWAMI PILLAY:- "In view of the hot debate that took place in the last one month here, may I request the Government to give definite instruction to the police Department to help in the matter of removal of civil disabilities, especially in the villages?"

The Hon.Sri B.PARAMESWARAN:- "Apart from giving instructions to the police, we have given instructions to the Collectors of districts to give wide publicity to the provisions of the Act and to ensure that the village munsiffs to whom copies of pamphlets on the said Act were supplied give

due publicity both bypublication on notice boards and by beat of tom-tom."

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Please see the L.A.Question (Starred) below. An advance copy of the question have been circulated to H.M.(R.D.) separately.

2. The Madras Removal of civil Disabilities Act, 1938, as amended by Act XI of 1947, confers certain rights on certain classes of Hindus commonly known as Harijans, untouchables or depressed classes, which were denied to them previously on account of certain social customs and usages in the matter of appointment to any public office, or having access to or using any public stream, river, well, tank, pathway, sanitary conveniences or means of transport or any secular institution which the general public, belonging to all other classes and communities of Hindus, have a right of access to or a right to use. Under this Act, no social disabilities are to be recognised by law and all offences under the Act are made cognisable by the police.

3. In 1948, certain instructions were issued to the Collectors of Districts to give wide publicity to the provisions of the Act and they were asked to ensure that the V.Ms. to whom copies of pamphlets on the said Act were supplied, give due publicity to them by publication on notice boards, as well as by beat of tom-tom. Beyond this, the Government have not issued any further instructions to the Police Officers to give special attention to achieve the objects of the said Act in villages. The offence under the Act is a cognizable one and the police will take action when any offence comes to their notice.

4. Home Dept. may see for remarks before putting up a reply to the L.A.Question.

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Please see the L.A.Q. in the c.f. and the note of Firka Development above. As the offences under the Act have been declared as cognizable, the police will, no doubt, take necessary action when cases come to their notice. It is, therefore, unnecessary to issue special instructions to the

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police in this regard.

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Home Dept. note from p. 2 above may be perused. The answer to the L.A.Question may be in the negative, as instructions were issued only to Collectors.

A draft answer to the L.A.Question is submitted below for approval. The file may be circulated to H.M.(R.E.).

please see the printed copy of the proceedings at p. 3 c.f. No further action is called for. May be Recorded (G.O.Ms.No.518 F.D. dated 12-6-1950.

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L.A.Question - No.465 - By Sri P.Kakkan M.L.A. - regarding special instructions given to Dist. police Officers in connection with R.C.D. Act. - papers recorded.

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